

Francis came into the Court-House of the said County, and into the Office there, with an Instrument or Writing in nature of Resignation of the said Office into the Hands of the said *Edmund Jennings* Secretary aforesaid, and desired him the said *Thomas* to execute the same, which he the said *Thomas* complied with, and Scaled the same, to which the said *Tench Francis* Signed as an Evidence, and that at the same Time he the said *Tench* told him the aforesaid *Thomas*, he should have his Bond, and that he would take some thing from under the Hand of the said *Thomas* for the Fees that were unpaid. The next day after the Execution of the said Instrument of Resignation, the said *Thomas* went to the dwelling House of the said *Tench Francis* and there found Capt. *Ambrose Cock* and *John Leeds* aforesaid, and applied to said *Francis* for his Bond aforesaid, in answer to which, the said *Francis* told him he was then busy, and asked him if he could not trust him? At the same time the said *Leeds* and he the said *Thomas* walked out, and the said *Thomas* told him that Mr. *Francis* had used him unkindly, and that it was hard that he should be so turned out of the Office, and told the said *Leeds* that he gave a great Sum of Money for it, upon which the said *Leeds* enquired into the annual value of the said Office, and soon after he the said *Leeds* came over to *Annapolis*, and on his return, told the said *Thomas* he could not get his Commission then, but that he must again repair to *Annapolis* in about a Fortnights time, and then should get his Commission, and that the Secretary had ordered it so, and which accordingly he did at the appointed time, but then again returned without the said Commission, occasioned as the said *Thomas* believed, by the want of a Resignation endorsed on the Commission of him the said *Thomas*, as appears by the Letter hereunto annexed, signed *Tench Francis*, and which Resignation the said *Thomas* endorsed on the back of the Commission as required, and delivered it to the said *Tench Francis*, and believes the said *Francis* sent the same to the said *Leeds*, and in about four or five Days after, the said *Leeds* entred into the said Office of Clerk of the said County, and was qualified before *William Thomas*, Junr. one of the Justices of the said County.

Articles of Agreement, Indented, Made, Concluded and Agreed upon, this First Day of June, Anno Domini, Seventeen Hundred Thirty and Four, Between Richard Francis of the City of Annapolis in the Province of Maryland, Gent. of the one Part, and Thomas Bullen of Talbot County in the same Province, Gent. of the other Part, Whereas the said Thomas has by means and at the instance of the said Richard Francis, been nominated and appointed Clerk of Talbot County Court, thereupon the said Thomas for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators,
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